पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Environments Conditions In Msga cities

1108. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the! Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an
overall assessment of the environmental
conditions in 23 Mega cities of the coun
try;

(b) whether .this assessment reveals highly unsatisfactory conditions which are causing great hard to public health; and

(c) what precise measures, legislative as well as administrative, are in hand to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Central Pollution Control Board has carried out intensive surveys in 23 cities *to* assess Water and Air Pollution problems. To assess the pollution load, surveys were carried out for waste-water generation, ambient air quality and noise pollution.

(b) Under the National ambient air quality monitoring programme, the ambient air quality is being monitored 2ft 23 cities for suspended particulate matter (SPM), snlpherdi'oxide and oxides of nitrogen. It has been observed that the levels of pollutants measured are within the ambient air quality standards. However, at occasions, levels of SPM were higher than the standards because at searal duty conndition

(c) Steps taken to control pollution by the Government are as follows:-

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

(ii) A network of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;

(iii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries;

(iv) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the state Pollution Control Board to keep the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated limits;

(v) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment ^nd shifting of polluting indus-tires from congested areas-

(vi) A scheme' has been initiated to give assistance to clusters of small
scale industrial units as well as local bodies for setting up common effluent
treatment plants.

(vii) A time-bound action plan for control of pollution from the 17 categories of polluting industries has been' prepared in consultation with the Stats Governments.

Torture of Indian Diplomat by Pakistan

1109. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India recently expelled one Pak diplomat and one Pak Official for espionage activities and for activities incompatible with their status and without any physical and mental torture to tfiem;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that is retaliation the Pakistan Government ate expelled one Indian diplomat and oast. Indian official after giving them mash physical and mental torture against the code of conduct for diplomatic personnel agreed upon by the two side in August 1992;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government have so far taken or propose to take in future to avoid recurrence of incidents of torture inflicted by Pakistan Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (d) On July 12, 1994 Government requested the Government of Pakistan to wtihdraw from India a staff member of the Pak High Commission, Moham mad Afzal Bajwa who was apprehended for espionage activities. On July 11 1994, soon after his apprehension, he was handed over to officials of the Pakistan High Commission, New Delhi, in good physical condition. Government also sought the withdrawal of First Secretary Nasir Uddin Ahmed in the Pat: High Commission as his conduct was found to be Incompatible with his statu* as an accredited diplomat in India.

Regrettably, Pakistani authorities, daring Ac night of July 11, 1994 abduc ted an Attache in the Indian High Com mission in Islamabad, Shri V. S. Chanfean from outside his residence. He was furdbty detained and subjected to Detained third-degree interrogation lasting for more than six hours. Pakistan subsequently requested that Shri duranan and a staff member In the Indian Consulate General in Karachi, Shri B. A. Adams, be withdrawn from Pakistan.

(e) Government proposed on April 7, 1994 to the Government of Pakistan that consolations between the two Foreign Offices may be held for a review of the implementation of the Code of Conduct. This proposal has not yet found favour with Islamabad. Meanwhile, discease sions were recently held to New Dettfl sad is Islamabad between omeisis of the concerned Mission and Ministry to discuss the range of issues involved. Several suggestions were made on ways and means of improving implementation of the Code of Conduct in letter and spirit. Both sides also agreed to hold further discussions on this subject.

Commission on esatablie development

1110. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a commission on sustain-able development has been set up as a follow-up of the Earth Summit held at Rio in Tone, 1992

(b) if so, the objectives functions and composition of the above Commission:

(c) the progress made to far is this regard; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The Commission on Sustain able Development (CSD) was established in February 199) Sa * functional Com mission *at* the Economic end Soda) Council of the United Nations (ECOSOO.

(b) The objective of the CS is to ensure evective follow up of the Earth Summit, as well as *to* enhance international coeperation is erder to achieve sustainable development in the countries. Its functions relate broadly *to* monitor* ing the progress is the itnplementatioa of Agenda It activities, related to the' integration of environmental and developmental goals: w eMsSoet Wormafton providedby governments and to review progress regarding implementation and committments contained in Agenda 21 including those related to (lie provision of ftancial resources and transfer of technologies; and make reeatnmendations thereon. The Commission is com* posed of 53 States elected for three-year